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SUBJ: SECSTATE VISIT: SCENARIO FOR PRESS COVERAGE

1. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBES REPORTAGE AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
FORESEEN DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ATHENS: (PAO
HARATUNIAN WILL MEET DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CARTER AT
AIRPORT):

2. SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 - 1335 HOURS. ARRIVAL AT WEST
TERMINAL ATHENS AIRPORT. SECRETARY AND PARTY WILL DISEMBARK
IN FRONT OF OLYMPIC AIRLINES VIP LOUNGE BUILDING. AN AREA
AT ENTRANCE OF VIP LOUNGE WILL BE FURNISHED WITH MICROPHONES
FROM WHICH THE SECRETARY CAN DELIVER ARRIVAL STATEMENT.
MICROPHONE SITE IS AT TOP OF THREE STEPS AND WILL
ALLOW STILL PHOTOGRAPHY AND TV WITH MINIMUM CONFUSION.
IN CASE OF RAIN, MICROPHONES WILL BE SET UP INSIDE
VIP LOUNGE. POST SUGGESTS THAT SECRETARY SHOULD PLAN
TO ANSWER ONLY TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS AFTER DELIVERING
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ARRIVAL STATEMENT. OFFICER HANDLING PRESS WILL HAVE
ADVISED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPECT ONLY
STATEMENT AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY -- NOT NEWS CONFERENCE
-- TO OBIVATE EXTENDED Q AND A SESSION. PRESS PARTY WILL
BE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO HILTON HOTEL
WHERE THEY WILL BE HOUSED, AND WHERE PRESS CENTER
WILL BE LOCATED.

3. 1800 HOURS. MEETING AT PM CARAMANLIS' OFFICE PROVIDES BOTH PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEWS MEDIA AND POSSIBLE OCCASION FOR SECRETARY TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. POST RECOMMENDS THAT 1800 ENTRY INTO PM'S OFFICE BE RESTRICTED TO PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES ONLY. IF SECRETARY AND PM CHOOSE TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, THE PORTICO AT ENTRANCE TO THE PM'S OFFICE IS APPROPRIATE SITE. USUAL PATTERN IN ATHENS IS FOR VISITOR TO DELIVER A FEW INFORMAL REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO PM'S STATEMENT AFTER CONCLUSION OF MEETING, PRESS PARTY WILL LEAVE HOTEL AT 1720 HOURS FOR PM'S OFFICE.

4. 2100 HOURS. DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER PROVIDES ONLY MINIMAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOS OUTSIDE PM'S RESIDENCE.

5. GOG PRESS OFFICE INVITES VISITING PRESS CORPS AND ANY OTHERS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO ATTEND RECEPTION FOR GREEK JOURNALISTS SATURDAY EVENING 2000 TO 2200 HOURS. THIS IS ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR PRESS HOSTED BY GREEK PRESIDENT TSATSOS. DRESS FOR RECEPTION IS BUSINESS SUITS FOR MEN AND LONG DRESS FOR WOMEN. ADVISE BY TELEGRAM OR ON ARRIVAL. IO COHAN WILL COORDINATE.

6. EARLIER TRANSPORT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE TO ENABLE TV TEAMS TO SET UP FOR COVERAGE. VEHICLES WILL LEAVE ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULED TRAVEL OF PRINT MEDIA.

7. SUNDAY, JANUARY 22. SINCE SECRETARY'S SUNDAY SCHEDULE NOT YET LOCKED IN, SPECIFIC PRESS SCENARIO FOR SUNDAY NECESSARILY INCOMPLETE. HOWEVER, POST SUGGESTS SUNDAY MORNING BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE BACKGROUND BRIEFING SESSION BY SECRETARY OR SPOKESMAN CARTER FOR TRAVELING PRESS PARTY AND SELECTED RESIDENT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS. IF SECRETARY DECIDES TO HOLD FORMAL NEWS CONFERENCE, SUNDAY MORNING OFFERS BEST OPPORTUNITY. IF DESIRED, NEWS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AT HILTON HOTEL IN ROOM ADJOINING PRESS CENTER. IF SUCH NEWS CONFERENCE IS HOLD, SECRETARY MIGHT USE OCCASION TO DELIVER DEPARTURE STATEMENT SO THAT AIRPORT PRESS SCENARIO WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO PHOTO COVERAGE ONLY. ALTERNATIVELY, SECRETARY CAN DELIVER DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT SAME AIRPORT SITE AS ON ARRIVAL. HE MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO FIELD TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT.

8. SEPTEL WILL INCLUDE QUESTIONS WHICH SECRETARY IS LIKELY

TO MEET FROM ATHENS PRES AND SUGGESTED ANSWERS.

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